

AMENDMENT

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-33. (Canceled)

34. (Previously Presented) A method of creating an animated entity for delivering a multi-media message from a remote sender to a recipient, the method comprising:

receiving from the remote sender an image file having a portion associated with an animated entity and a background portion;

receiving from the remote sender marked features on the image file associated with the animated entity in the context of the background; and

delivering a multimedia message comprising the background wherein the animated entity speaks and moves in the context of the background, wherein as the animated entity moves an extrapolation method fills voids between the animated entity and the background.

35. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 34, further comprising, prior to receiving from the remote sender marked features on the image file associated with the animated entity, zooming the image file to allow the [[user]] remote sender to more accurately mark the image file associated with the animated entity.

36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34, further comprising:

receiving a selection from the remote sender of one of a predefined set of animated entities for insertion in a position of the image file associated with the marked features of the

image file and wherein delivering the multimedia message comprises presenting the background wherein the selected animated entity speaks and moves in the context of the background.